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Military Hall of Heroes seeks more inductees

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Hal Meeker knows how it feels to be inducted into the Madison County Military Hall of Heroes.

He wants other veterans to experience the same satisfaction that he did, a feeling that seems to grow with time. The Vietnam veteran and Redstone worker was inducted in 1981 into the shrine in the Madison County Courthouse.

"It's a very unique way to honor the residents of Madison County," Meeker, a configuration management specialist in the technical data division at Research Development and Engineering Center, said. "The reason it's unique is it's the only one that we know of in the United States. And it's nice for grandchildren to go up there and see their granddad's name up

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Photo by Skip Vaughn

COURTHOUSE SHRINE— Veterans service officer Mike Beaird reads about the Hall of Heroes inductees.

Secure thoughts two years after 9/11



Photo by Skip Vaughn Maj. BRAD SCOFIELD

Provost marshal provides answers

Thursday will mark the second anniversary of the deadly terrorist attacks on this nation.

Maj. Brad Scofield, provost marshal, answered the following security questions from the Redstone Rocket.

What are your thoughts on security two years after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks?

"Security has increased a great deal since Sept. 11, 2001 here at Redstone as well as across the nation. It is important that we continue to remain vigilant in our defense of our nation and our most critical assets since we are well aware of the numerous and various groups that have displayed their intent and capabilities to do us harm.

"It is very important that everyone, not just law enforcement and security, report suspicious activity to the police as quickly and as accurately as possible. Without the community's support and assistance in this endeavor, our job becomes even more difficult than it already is."

How secure is Redstone Arsenal?

"I consider the installation to have a very secure posture. We have numerous law enforcement and security assets at our disposal that we proactively use on a daily basis to ensure the Redstone community's safety and security.

"Additionally, we coordinate and work closely with our counterparts within NASA, Huntsville Police Department, Madison Police Department, Madison County Sheriff's Office and state and federal agencies. Our cooperation with these organizations provides us with a robust capability to monitor criminal activity in the surrounding area and often prevents security breaches to Redstone.

'Additionally, our continual training and exercise programs enhance our ability to effectively prevent criminal and terrorist activity and to manage any serious incidents that do occur either on or in close proximity to the Arsenal.

'Finally, continuous improvements in hardware, equipment and technology advancements are being made on Redstone in order to enhance our capability to detect, deter and manage criminal and terrorist threats to our community. As funding becomes available, numerous force protection projects are and will be completed to assist us in our program."

Letters to the editor

Athlete appreciates Rocketman

n Sunday, Aug. 24, I enjoyed participating in my sixth Rocketman Triathlon held at Redstone Arsenal at the Col. Hudson recreation area. For those of us who do Rocketman, we can all relate that having it at the Arsenal at that location gives it the very flavor and distinctness this triathlon is known

This was my 45th tri since 1996 and has become an all-time favorite of mine. I do everything I can each year to promote it and I want you all to know how

much I appreciate the location and facilities. From the bottom of my heart, I so appreciate everything done to make this possible for us to go out and have a great time each August!

Regina M. Martin Guntersville

Editor's note: Similar letters of appreciation came from Loren McCoy of Muscle Shoals and Leah Brown of Madison.

Gate guards can't accept snacks

The Provost Marshal Office wishes to acknowledge the kind generosity of the Redstone community in providing meals, snacks and beverages to law enforcement, security and National Guard personnel at the installation gates. However, force protection security measures dictate that those items can no longer be accepted as they may pose a vulnerability

to the personnel and mission.

The community's cooperation in refraining from offering food and beverages to personnel at the gates will be greatly appreciated.

SFC Jeffrey Cassell senior operations sergeant, Provost Marshal Office

Non-smoker wants to clear air

was very confused about the smoking policy for federal facilities. I decided to visit the Code of Federal Register and look up the information for myself. As a result I found the following information:

102-74.315. What is the smoking policy for federal facilities?

Pursuant to Executive Order 13058, "Protecting Federal Employees and the Public From Exposure to Tobacco Smoke in the Federal Workplace" (3 CFR, 1997 Comp., p. 216), it is the policy of the executive branch to establish a smoke-free environment for federal employees and members of the public visiting or using federal facilities. The smoking of tobacco products is prohibited in all interior space owned, rented or leased by the executive branch of the federal government, and in any outdoor areas under executive branch control in front of air intake ducts.

102-74.325. Who has the responsibility to determine which areas are to be smoking and which areas are to be nonsmoking areas?

Agency heads have the responsibility to determine which areas are to be smoking and which areas are to be nonsmoking areas. In exercising this responsibility, agency heads will give appropriate

consideration to the views of the employees affected and/or their representatives and are to take into consideration the health issues involved. Nothing in this section precludes an agency from establishing more stringent guidelines. Agencies in multi-tenant buildings are encouraged to work together to identify designated smoking areas.

102-74.330. Who must evaluate the need to restrict smoking at doorways and

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Quote of the week

ur country will not be cowed by terrorists, by people who don't share the same values we share, by people who are willing to destroy people's lives because we embrace freedom.'

President Bush after Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks

Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

The Provost Marshal Office provided the following list of reported incidents:

Aug. 29 — An individual was detained at the Post Exchange after she was observed concealing various items and then leaving without rendering the proper payment. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

Aug. 29 — An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license during an inspection of his vehicle at Gate 1. He was issued a violation notice and released.

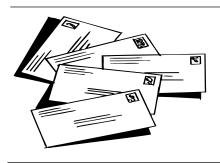
Aug. 29 — An individual is being sought after he was observed damaging a vehicle owned by a contractor working on Redstone Arsenal. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

Sept. 2 — An individual became disorderly at Gate 1 during a vehicle inspection, cursing and engaging in threatening behavior. The individual was issued a violation notice and escorted from Redstone Arsenal.



Sept. 3 — An individual was detained at the Post Exchange after she was observed concealing various items and then leaving without rendering the proper payment. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

Violation notices issued: speeding, 4; parking violations, 1; larceny, 1; driving with a suspended driver's license, 1; failure to obey traffic control device, 1; and disorderly conduct, 1.



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An open lane random survey

Since the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, what is America's biggest security concern?

By KELLEY LANE

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Ron Grant, DoD cvilian

"The inability to tell who is in our country and to keep track of visitors in our country is our biggest prob-



PFC Michael Redding

"I think our biggest concern right now is still airport security. They're still talking about putting weapons in the cockpit and people are still worried and paranoid about flying." John Sparkman, contractor

"Our No. 1 problem is complacency.



Nobody thinks bad things can happen to them where they're at.

They think attacks only happen in places like New York or the Pentagon, but never to me here. That's when we get complacent and when we're going to get hurt."

"Our security issues now are the same issues we had before 9/11 cooperation, coordination and money for the agencies that we need to provide security. I don't think Homeland Security will work. I think it only works on

paper, a paper tiger."

Danny Brandon, vendor



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Deployment news

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Command seeks civilian volunteers for deployments



Photo by Skip Vaughn

MOBILIZATION SUPPORT— Maj. Felicia Carter and Jane Wyatt discuss deployment opportunities for civilians.

List being created for overseas tours

By SKIP VAUGHN

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Servicemembers aren't the only ones needed to support AMCOM missions overseas.

Higher headquarters often asks for civilian employees who would be willing to spend up to six months overseas on assignment. Most of these deployment opportunities are in Southwest Asia.

The Aviation and Missile Command in turn canvasses the work force for volunteers. AMCOM officials hope to build a volunteer list of employees for potential deployment.

"Instead of a reactive process, we want to be more proactive," Maj. Felicia Carter, a mobilization and deployment officer in the AMCOM Operations Center under the Integrated Materiel Management Center, said

The volunteer list is basically a new concept. "We do have a couple of people on the roster right now to backfill other people (currently deployed) but it's not at the level we want it to go to," Carter said.

Most of the deployments are in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. But the command also supports other contingencies such as Bosnia.

Employee eligibility "depends on the specific requirement but normally people with logistic backgrounds," mobilization and deployment specialist Jane Wyatt said. "And people who are highly motivated and in good health and can live in the same living conditions as deployed soldiers.

"It's not a pretty job, it's not glamorous," she said. "But it definitely provides support to AMCOM and soldiers in the field. And they can get personal satisfaction from it."

Wyatt knows firsthand. She served in Qatar from August through October 2002 in support of the AMCOM aviation contingency deployment package.

"It was just a fantastic experience, very rewarding," she said. "And you get to see firsthand what a soldier does for our country. It's just amazing and it certainly makes you appreciate life back home."

Civilians interested in deploying should tell their supervisor and call Wyatt at 876-4106 or Carter at 313-3867.



Photo by Gerald Thompson

Supply stocks

Sgt. Allen Jenkins, a warehouse specialist with 1109th AVCRAD, Groten, Conn., moves supply stocks between Warehouses 12 and 11 at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait.

comprised of Iraqis are being organized by Army units to help guard coalition facilities around Iraq.

A unit of the 4th Infantry Division's Task Force Gunner, the 5th Engineer Battalion, started forming its second company of the new Iraq Civilian Defense Corps recently. The first company-sized element graduated Aug. 30 and started their oneyear commitment, said division officials.

Maj. Christopher Splinter, with the 5th Eng. Bn. from Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., said the ultimate goal is to have the corps assume responsibility for security around sensitive areas outside Taji Air Base, the task force's home while in Iraq.

Other defense units will be augmenting coalition forces and eventually taking over security outside the gates of many sites currently protected by coalition forces, said battalion officials.

The recruitment process in the Taji area began when local sheiks were given 200 applications to hand out, Splinter

Task force leaders said they felt the sheiks would be more effective in distributing the applications to those individuals who were responsible and deserving of a position in the corps.

A day to interview each applicant was organized when all the applications were turned in, said Splinter.

The day of their interviews, about a hundred Iraqis crowded around a street corner in Al Asriyah, smoking cigarettes and talking in small groups.

Small groups were searched, and then ushered into a school where they were interviewed by Army sergeants asked questions regarding their identity and why they want to be part of the corps.

The interviewers are using this technique to "feel out" the applicants to see who wants to work and who does not, Splinter said.

Most applicants said they just want a job and an opportunity to provide for their

In the wake of war and the removal of the former regime, they have found themselves unable to bear the financial burdens of everyday life.

"I can't get any work," said Waleed Sa'ad, a prospect from Al Asriyah. "I've come here for a job to get money for my family."

Sa'ad, however, had crude tattoos on both forearms that raised suspicions with the interviewer about his past and possible connections to the Fedayeen.

Crude tattoos, usually found on the web of the left hand, are commonly found on soldiers of the former Saddam Feday-

The interviewer called in Splinter, who asked the applicant about the black, poorly done scorpions and other symbols on his hands and arms.

They are just tattoos, collected when he was a soldier, explained Sa'ad. Not a Fedayeen soldier, but a regular foot soldier in the Army of Saddam. His explanation satisfied Splinter.

Splinter said it was all part of the selec-



INTERVIEW— A prospective member of the Iraqi Civilian Defense Corps is searched prior to the interview process by Spec. Robert Struble, Company A, 5th Engineer Battalion.

tion process. The interviewers make recommendations and get a gut feeling for the applicants. Then the applicants are processed through a database for possible connections to subversive groups.

"I have not had any problems with the applicants; most are receptive and straight forward," said SSgt. Justin Barry, an interviewer with Company C, 5th Eng Bn.

Each interview took about 20 minutes and included a range of questions. Some are easy; others take thought and are meant to test a person's speaking ability. The sergeants have leeway to improvise and flesh out details they think pertinent.

Often, after being questioned, the candidate will ask his own questions. Most deal with money and rarely relate to the actual job. Many of the applicants have military experience and understand the requirements of the corps.

The applicants will then have to make it through the database screening, then 10 days of intense training. Ten sergeants in the battalion will train them in true basic training fashion.

"It will be very rigid," said SFC Bruce Barnes, who will lead the training. "They want us to come off as true drill sergeants the first day to see if these guys really want to be here."

Bruce, a former drill sergeant, said training will include checkpoint operations, basic first aid, fixed security and identification of improved explosive devices and rules of engagement. He said the training will mold the candidates into a sharp military outfit.

Splinter said this was part of the checks and balances of the program. Even if someone did slip past the initial screenings, the training and close contact with soldiers would ultimately show true intentions. Also, they will be under the watchful eye of soldiers during the beginning stages of joint guard duty.

The hope is for the unit to develop cohesion and camaraderie as Iraqis learn to help themselves and prepare to take over when coalition troops depart. By recruiting from nearby towns, the military has given the corps a vested interest in the security and safety of the area.

"I think it is a good thing for the Iraqi people," said Barry. "Hopefully, we can work them into taking care of themselves and help alleviate the work load of our

Editor's note: SSgt. Craig Pickett is a journalist with the 350th Mobile Public

Physicist sees bright future for new technology

Dr. Paul Ruffin now senior exec

By SANDY RIEBELING

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7hen Dr. Paul Ruffin's daughter, Lacretia, wanted to follow his career footsteps into the world of physics, Ruffin told her that she wasn't weird enough to be a physicist.

"You have to wonder about strange things, like when you're driving down the road and a fly in the car is circling around you, why doesn't it crash into the window," he said, leaning in slightly, as if he was preparing to give the scientific explanation. Then he stopped himself and smiled, remembering that he was behind a desk in his office at the Applied Sensors Guidance and Electronics Directorate, not in front of a class at Alabama A&M University.

"You just have to wonder about weird things," Ruffin said. "I tell the (high school) students I mentor that in order to be successful, you have to get along with your boss and the people you work with but most of all you have to enjoy the job. Wanting to do the work, to figure things out, that desire will drive you to be your best.'

Ruffin knows a little something about achievement. He's been working as a research physicist since he came to the Missile Command in 1982 and has at least six patents to his credit for the work he's done with fiber optics technology. In July, he was promoted to senior research scientist in the Applied Sensors Guidance and Electronics Directorate (formerly known as the Missile Guidance Directorate). He is the first black to achieve a senior executive service level position in the Research Development and Engineering

"I grew up in a little town in South Alabama," Ruffin said. "We farmed 10 acres we had to plow with mules and horses. I drove a tractor for the Ag (agriculture) teacher, cutting and raking hay. Loaded pulp wood (short logs) onto a truck, took it to the wood yard and then had to load it onto bigger trucks to get it to the saw mill. Those 110-degree days with that South Alabama humidity ... I told my dad I just wasn't cut out for that. I wanted to go to college.'

College wasn't something he had to talk his parents into. From his very first days in a small country school, his parents, Booker T. and Catherine Ruffin emphasized education, even though neither had a high school diploma.

'My father was a preacher. He didn't let us do a lot of the after school activities - sports, but if it was about learning, our education, he let us do it," said Ruffin, one of four children. "My mom made sure I did my lesson — she whooped me if I didn't. She was really big on reading. I owe a lot to my parents."

Ruffin went straight to college after high school and graduated from Alabama A&M University in 1977 as a physics major. He worked part time at the Arsenal

during his last three years of college, through a federal program. The same day he graduated, he went to work for Dynetics in Huntsville.

"I started graduate school (at University of Alabama in Huntsville), right after Labor Day," Ruffin said. "I got married on Oct. 2, 1977 and on Oct. 3 had my first exam in graduate school. I flunked it."

Tests come and go but his wife, Vetrea, a research coordinator in the physics department of Alabama A&M, has been his rock. "My family is everything to me." He and his wife have two grown daughters, Lacretia and Angelic, both psychology majors.

Ruffin earned his doctorate from the University of Alabama in 1986 and is an adjunct professor at both Alabama A&M and UAH. Not only does he teach locally but wrote a chapter on fiber gyroscope sensors for a textbook used at Penn State.

e spent his first years in the RDEC working on the Fiber Optic Guided Missile system. "Most of the parts were off-the-shelf except the fiber optic bobbin (the spool inside the missile that dispensed the fiber that connected the missile to the ground station)," Ruffin said. "We had to make sure it could pay out (unravel) at high speeds without breaking. If the fiber breaks, you lose the ability to control the missile and you have to blow it up.'

Ruffin also had to make sure extreme temperatures wouldn't affect the bobbin's performance. Missiles are stored in a wide range of environments, from Alaska to the desert, for extended durations.

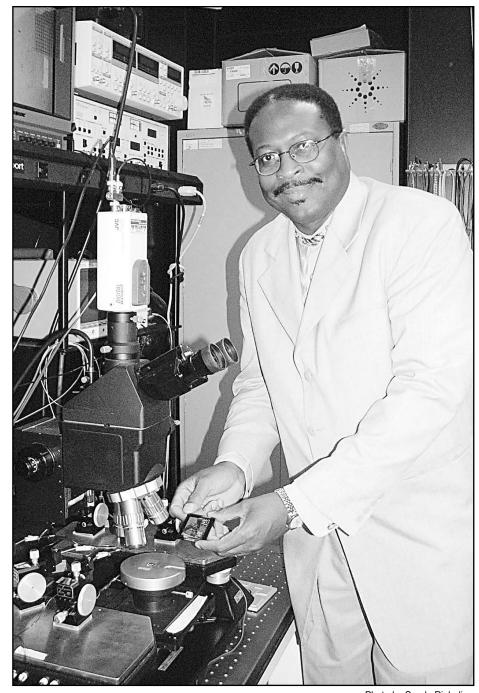
As technology progressed, so did Ruffin's research, including work with developing a fiber optic gyroscope for tactical missile systems. He is working on writing a patent to automate the fiber optic winding process which will make the technology less costly to use.

At the same time, Ruffin is working on Micro Electro Mechanical Systems, more economical than the fiber optic and ring laser gyroscopes now being used, to measure a missile's altitude, pitch, pressure, temperature, vibration, shock and even chemical and biological sensing.

"We're also working on developing an array of MEMS accelerometers to measure acceleration that operate through high gravity," he said. "We also want to use MEMS to replace gimbles in an RF seeker and Laser Detection and Ranging seeker."

ano technology is on the horizon for Ruffin and his team of scientists and engineers. In his new position, Ruffin's priorities include assisting in RDEC's goal of maintaining strong scientific and technical expertise.

"I want us to become a center of excellence in MEMS and nano technology for aviation, missile and space," he said. "To establish a consortium within AMRDEC, NASA, SMDC, UAH, A&M and several industry partners. We also need to bring in funding from outside the Army for research. Work with the national labs and the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency to transition their technology to Army systems in MEMS and nano tech-



JUST VISITING— Dr. Paul Ruffin spent a lot of time in the labs working on fiber optic technology when he came to work for the government in 1982. He recently received the SES level promotion to senior research scientist in Applied Sensors **Guidance and Electronics Directorate.**

nology and to develop unique test capabilities to qualify MEMS and nano technology for use in other military systems."

As with any visionary, there is no end to the possibilities and Ruffin is no exception. It's Ruffin's family and service to God and his community that keep him grounded. He serves as director of education for the Huntsville Association of Technical Societies, co-op coordinator for his directorate's school program, mentors high school students, and was given the UAH Alumni Achievement Award earlier

He has been a deacon in his church, Draper Memorial Church of God in Christ, for 22 years, is a minister and was recently ordained as an elder. He has a Bible teaching radio ministry and plays a part in his wife and daughters' music ministry, Vetrea Slack Ruffin and the Ruffin Family. Their first CD, "Help Me Render Completely," was released in 1999 and they are working on another one.

"My wife has written hundreds of songs," he said. "They won't let me sing, but I dance a little."

It was his pastor who convinced Ruffin that moving from industry to the government was the right way to go, having retired from federal service himself many

"He was the one who said the government would be the right place for me to grow," Ruffin said. "I've had great people to work with here. Great projects. A chance to see the overall picture. My pastor knew the government could offer this and encouraged me to work here. I'm glad he did."

Vernon Adolph Nieberlein was a research chemist at the Missile Command from 1959 until he retired in 1983. He died Aug. 29 in Norman, Okla., at age 85.

The Dayton, Ohio, native received a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from the University of Dayton in 1939, a master's in 1958 and his doctorate from the University of Alabama.

Nieberlein was a chemist at the U.S. Bureau of Mines in Rolla, Mo., from 1953 until coming to Redstone. He held about 17 U.S. patents while working in missile technology, high-energy lasers and unconventional beam theory technology.

His honors include the Outstanding Achievement Award from the U.S. Bureau of Mines in 1959 and the Science and Engineering Achievement Award from MICOM in 1971.

Nieberlein and his wife, Marjorie, also

a chemist, raised four children in Huntsville. Mark Nieberlein and his wife, Connie, live in Dallas with their two children, Madison and Morgan. Judy Ridgeway and her family – husband, Michael, son, Charles and daughter, Amy – live in Norman. Miles Nieberlein and his wife, Debbie, live in Madison. Eric Nieberlein lives in Huntsville. Their grown grandson, C.B. Payne, lives in Dallas.

The Nieberleins lived with their children in their later years. Both died from cancer – Marjorie on March 20. They are buried at Maple Hill Cemetery in Huntsville.

Instead of flowers, send donations to Food for Friends, c/o Judy Ridgeway, 901 N. Peters, Norman, OK, 73069.

Editor's note: This information was provided by Laughlin Service Funeral Home.

■ Expect smoke in Sparkman courtyard

Smoking

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in courtyards?

Agency heads must evaluate the need to restrict smoking at doorways and in courtyards under executive branch control to protect workers and visitors from environmental tobacco smoke, and may restrict smoking in these areas in light of this evaluation.

I am an employee in the Sparkman Center. I am also a non-smoker and an asthmatic. I have noticed that according to the Code of Federal Register, every exit and entrance to the Sparkman Center is properly marked "No Smoking Except in Designated Areas" or "No Smoking within 50 Feet." Yet these signs are ignored by smokers. You cannot walk in or out of any doorway in the Sparkman Center and not find at least 3 to 5 smokers attacking you with cigarette smoke. On a rainy day you can literally find smokers hovering around doorways, within 6 inches or less, smoking with no accord

In no way are my comments against smokers but for the protection of the non-smokers. I would love the opportunity to come to work or leave for lunch without having to walk through a cloud of cigarette smoke. The courtyard is even worse. If I need to walk to an adjacent building and would like to enjoy the sun by walking through the courtyard, I basically need a mask not to choke from smoke inhalation.

You cannot totally blame it on the smokers. The signs are posted but the benches and ashtrays conflict with the wording on the signs. Do we really expect the smokers to stand 50 feet away from doorways and walk back 25 feet to put the cigarette out? What are the rules for the Sparkman Center? Do we have more smokers than non-smokers? Is the health of the non-smokers of little importance? Who is responsible for enforcing the rules?

Name withheld by request

Editor's note: Edna Dye, manager of the Sparkman Complex, provided the following response. "The designated smoke areas for the Sparkman Complex have been designated in accordance with Army Regulation 600-63 and AMCOM Regulation 1-15. It is the supervisor's responsibility to monitor their employees' adherence to Army policies and to administer corrective action as required.

"The designated smoking areas are the patios on the north side of 5300 and 5308, the patios on the south side of ■ Hall of Heroes adds names each Veterans Day

Heroes

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there. And really it means a lot to you when you get older. Just being truthful, it means more to me now than at the time that I was inducted into it."

Meeker, 64, received the Silver Star and Bronze Star for his service as an infantryman in Vietnam in 1967 and 1969. He was born in Washington, Mo. — "the corncob pipe capital of the world," about 50 miles south of St. Louis — and raised in northwestern Pennsylvania.

The Hall of Heroes, sponsored by the Madison County Military Heritage Commission, recognizes veterans cited for valor in military action. Criteria requirements include the following:

- Medal of Honor: The individual named must have entered service from Madison County. The individual need not be a native of Madison County.
- Other valor decorations: The individual named need not be a native of Madison County; however, he or she must have been a resident of Madison County for three years before being considered. The individual may or may not have entered

service from Madison County.

Applications are available at the Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs Office at 115-B Washington St., telephone 532-1662. They should be returned by Oct. 15 to qualify for the Nov. 11, Veterans Day, induction in the current year.

Information required for verification includes copies of the following: discharge (DD 214 or equivalent), orders or citation for each award to be considered and other official documents that support the award. Only recipients of a valor award are eligible for induction.

The hall's significance is "to recognize those soldiers from Madison County who served in combat or not in combat and were recognized for their valor," veterans service officer Mike Beaird, 55, said. The Gadsden native retired from the Army as a lieutenant colonel in 1997 from Fort Leavenworth, Kan., where he served on the staff of the Command and General Staff College.

Beaird worked in industry before becoming assistant veterans service officer in Madison County. After two and a half years in that job, he was appointed as the veterans service officer about six months ago.

5300 and 5308 and the Courtyard. However, when at Force Protection Level Bravo Plus, Charlie or Delta, the only accessible smoking area is the Courtyard and the patio on the south side of 5300. The ashtrays are 50 feet or more from the main entrance doors.

"I do not know if we have more smok-

ers than non-smokers but it would not

matter if we did because the Sparkman Complex is within the regulations. The entire Sparkman Complex courtyard is a designated smoking area. We must all work together so, please smokers do not smoke within 50 feet of the main entrance doors and non-smokers if you go in the courtyard, expect to encounter smoke."

Designated gifts eliminate doubt for charity donors

Combined Federal Campaign agencies help community

By MELINDA SEIGLER

For the Rocket

Last year your Combined Federal Campaign raised more than \$1.8 million for many worthwhile charitable agencies within our local, national and international communities. It was an extraordinary accomplishment for the Tennessee Valley federal work force.

Even though many of your organizations are passing through a period of change and challenge, the remarkable generosity of your federal workers demonstrates year after year how committed they are to our communities as well as our country. Did you know that there are quite a few military charitable organizations in the CFC brochure such as Angel Flight for Veterans, TROA Scholarship Fund, Armed Forces Foundation, Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation, and the National Military Family Association? If you are an environmentalist at heart, there are many organizations such as The Sierra Club, The Nature Conservancy, The Land Trust, and other Earth Share Federation organizations.

Your heartstrings may be leaning toward health and medical needs, children's issues, the elderly, physically or mentally challenged or disaster services. Too often we hear "XYZ organization is

in the CFC brochure and I don't agree with them." Well guess what, there are many organizations that you do agree with. Designate your money only to those agencies you support.

If you want your donations to stay local, then carefully review the CFC brochure for those particular agencies. Local organizations will be listed separately from the national and international agencies. Be a savvy donor, check with the national organizations to see how much of your donation goes back to your local communities.

Frequently we are asked the following questions:

Where do I find the Boy Scouts in our local area?

The local Boy Scout organization serving the North Alabama area is listed under United Way of Madison County under its official name "Greater Alabama Council of Boy Scouts" and is sometimes confused with the Tennessee Boy Scouts.

If I want to designate money to the National Children's Advocacy Center in Huntsville, how can I find them in the brochure?

Even though the NCAC is one of the Madison County United Way agencies, it is listed under the "national" section of the CFC brochure under "Children's Advocacy Center, National."

I want to give my money to Hope Place but can't find it in the

brochure.

The official name for Hope Place is "Crisis Services of North Alabama" and is listed under United Way of Madison County.

If I live in another county and want to support the United Way where I reside, where do I find it in the brochure?

The United Ways of Northwest Alabama (Shoals area), Madison and Marshall counties all are listed as federations. Other United Ways are listed in the 9000 series (local unaffiliated) because they do not have the required 15 or more individual agencies under their umbrella to qualify as a federation.

My mother was under the care of Hospice, I want my designations to go to it.

There are several Hospice organizations in the Tennessee Valley area. The Madison County area is served by "Hospice Family Care" while others in our campaign area are Hospice of Northwest Alabama (Shoals area), Marshall County, Limestone County, and Hospice of the Valley (Morgan County).

If you want your donations to reach as many organizations as possible, then consider designating your dollars to a main federation who will then distribute those dollars among all of its agencies. That's just one more way to touch many lives and needs.

We encourage you to use your CFC brochure as a year-round resource and guide to help friends and co-workers find help when needed. Just think about it for a moment, haven't you already been affected by some of our organizations? Some of us have or will have children in the Boys or Girls Scouts or Boys and Girls Clubs. Some of us are blood donors and have been recipients of blood through the Red Cross; many of us have had the wonderful care of Hospice staff in our homes. Many of our co-workers have special needs children. Our churches help build Habitat homes; did you know that Habitat of Madison County received enough designations last year to completely pay for the cost of one home? That's a measurable gift to a family and our community. How many times have our military families been assisted by our Red Cross?

So you see, all of us have been touched by these many organizations somehow. Please support your community; please give through CFC this year.

Editor's note: Melinda Seigler is the CFC director for United Way of Madison County.



Courtesy photo

Aviation honor

Retired Col. Bob Birmingham, left, president of the Tennessee Valley Chapter of the Army Aviation Association of America, presents the Order of St. Michael (Silver Award), recognizing excellence in aviation, to Jack Bertelkamp, who recently retired from Sikorsky's Huntsville office. Bertelkamp is accompanied by his wife, Helen, at the ceremony Aug. 20.

Oktoberfest arrives on activity field

Annual German festival offers carnival rides, authentic foods, music

Redstone's eighth annual Oktoberfest is Thursday through Sunday at the activity field.

For four days Redstone will become a mecca for authentic German culture, from the Soldatenstube's schnitzel, brotchen, and a variety of wursts, to the bellow of the alp horn beckoning lederhosen-clad dancers.

Terry Cavanagh & the Alpine Express Band will be the featured evening entertainment under the big tent, or Festhalle, while the Moon Lighters, a polka band, will provide Saturday afternoon entertainment from 1-5 p.m. Two youth bands, Degenerate and Drag Down First, will also perform.

Crafters' tables loaded with handmade wares can be found under another large tent on the fairgrounds, surrounded by food stands and carnival rides and games. Military equipment, supplied by the Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School, will be on display all day Saturday.

Last year's event brought about 16,000 people to the Arsenal,

a good crowd considering it was the first year since the 9/11 terrorist attacks. In previous years, the crowd registered about 20.000.

"We will have a new German product this year — a truly authentic Munich-style Weisswurst mit sussersenf," a prepared release from Morale, Welfare and Recreation said. "It's a great treat — no preservatives, no fillers, just 100 percent pure yummy. Also, all brotchen this year will be fresh baked daily. Lots of good German beers, to include dark and light Lowenbrau.

"Plus, for kids from local schools — wear your school T-shirt and show your school spirit on Thursday night to receive \$2 off gate admission (offer not in combination with discount coupon)."

Admission is \$8 on Thursday from 5-11 p.m.; \$10 on Friday from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m.; \$10 on Saturday from noon to 1 a.m.; and \$8 Sunday from 1-8 p.m. Coupons for \$2 off gate admission are posted on the Morale, Welfare and Recreation web site, printed on fliers and in *The Huntsville Times*.

The event is open to the public. Enter through Gate 10, Jordan Lane/Patton Road. No badge or auto decal is required. For more information, call 876-5232.

Safety specialist drives home point about school buses

Suggestions offered for children, adults

By PATRICIA ALBERT

Fox Army Health Center

Well it's that time of year again, schools are opening and more children will be seen standing along the roadways waiting for the bus. Although school buses are the safest means of ground transportation, safety should still be a priority for the children walking to and from the school bus stops, and for the motorists who must share the road with buses.

There are things that children, parents and drivers can do to make this a safe school year for Alabama students.

Parents

If your children's bus stop is not near your home, walk the route to that stop with them until they are familiar with it.

Make sure your child knows what time the bus is scheduled to arrive and make sure he or she gets to the stop early, so the child can avoid rushing. Children in a rush are less likely to follow safety practices.

Children

Wait for the bus in a safe place. Avoid horseplay that could cause you to fall into

the street.

Never run to or from the bus.

Don't push or shove when getting on or off the bus.

Learn about the "danger zone." That's a 10-foot wide area on all sides of the bus, where the driver cannot see you. When you get off the bus, step outside of the danger zone until you can see the driver's face.

Only cross in front of the bus where the driver can see you.

Never run behind the bus, or bend down to pick up an object. The bus driver may think you've crossed safely and start to move.

Activity on bus

Do not distract the bus driver so that he or she may get you safely to and from school.

Take a seat right away and remain seated facing forward. Keep your hands, arms and head inside the bus.

Help keep the bus neat and clean. Keep belongings out of the aisle and away from emergency exits. Eating and drinking are not allowed on the bus.

Always listen to the driver's instructions. Be courteous to the driver and other students. Sit with your hands to yourself and avoid making noises that would distract the driver or bother other passengers. Remain seated, keeping your hands, arms and head inside the bus at all times.

Wait until the bus pulls to a complete stop before standing up. Use the handrail when exiting the bus.

Motorists

Drivers traveling in either direction on a two-lane road must stop when a school bus activates its flashing lights and stop sign.

Drivers traveling in the same direction as a school bus on a four-lane road must stop for a stopped school bus.

Alabama law requires vehicles to stop even when the bus is stopped to load or unload students on private property.

Anyone convicted of passing a stopped school bus can be fined as much as \$230 dollars for the first offense, and as much as \$575 for the second offense. These fines vary across the state. The individual will also have five points assessed to his license.

For more information check out http://www.ncsbs.org/ or call Public Health and Education, Fox Army Health Center, at 955-8888, ext.1026.

Editor's note: Patricia Albert is a safety and occupational health specialist.

Redstone units add 35 soldiers during month

Sixty-two soldiers, including 18 officers and 17 enlisted, arrived for duty in August.

The garrison provided the following list:

Enlisted

SFC Raymond Ehemann (Delta Company), Sgt. Maj. Hollingsworth (LOGSA), post CSM Gregory Lunn (AMCOM), Pvt. Shaylee Smith (MEDDAC), Pvt. Matthew Zehr (MEDDAC), SFC Lawrence Scott (Delta Company), Spec. Tobias Johnson (MEDDAC), SFC Jesse Walker (MEDDAC), CSM Booker Washington (LOGSA), SSgt. Mark Verren (Delta Company), Pvt. Timothy Cook (MEDDAC), Pvt. Charles Edwins (MEDDAC), SFC Daniel Crockett (Delta Company), SFC Lonnie Young (Delta Company), SSgt. Marshall Grice (Delta Company) and CSM Charles Bumpers (832nd Ordnance Battal-

Officers

Lt. Col. Linda Shelley (LOGSA), Lt. Col. Earnest Harris (PEO Tactical Missiles), Maj. Kevin Peterson (PEO Tactical Missiles), Maj. Karen O'Connor (Missile and Space Intelligence), Capt. Shilisa Geter (Missile and Space Intelligence), Lt. Col. Todd Smith (PEO Aviation), Maj. Jeffrey Woods (PEO Tactical Missiles), Maj. Emmett Yates (AMCOM Acquisition), Col. Joyce Napier (HHC 59th), Lt. Col. Arthur Scharein (Missile and Space Intelligence), Capt. Robert Rodgers (Garrison), Lt. Col. Patti Palmer (MED-DAC), Maj. Jennifer Jensen (PEO Aviation), Maj. Kelly Sirota (832nd Ordnance Battalion), Capt. James Brian Rowe (832nd Ordnance Battalion), Maj. Leonard Steiner (STRI-COM), Lt. Col. John Vaughn (PEO Air and Missile) and CWO 3 Roslyn McGruder (832nd Ordnance Battal-

Post defense mission extends to endangered plants

Protecting species required by law

By KIM GILLESPIE

For the Rocket

Protecting endangered species is not something most people would expect an Army installation to be doing — much less doing well — but that is exactly what Redstone Arsenal can claim as one of its accomplishments.

The installation has eight species of animal and plant life that are listed as endangered, threatened or species of concern by federal or state law.

"The protection of these species is mandated by law, and because of that, federal agencies must meet certain guidelines," Danny Dunn, chief of the Natural Resources Division, Directorate of Environment and Safety, said. "But more importantly, creating a balanced ecosystem is something that ultimately benefits everyone."

Both the Alabama cave shrimp and the gray bat are listed as endangered by the federal government. Species federally listed as threatened are the American bald eagle and Price's potato bean. The American alligator is federally listed as threatened due to its similarity of appearance to the endangered American crocodile. State and federal species of concern include the Tuscumbia darter, dwarf trillium, and Harper's umbrella plant. Many factors have contributed to the decline of these species, but human development is probably the biggest threat to all. And surprisingly, it is human development that Army installations are best prepared to deal

"Look around Redstone. This land would have been snapped up and turned into a housing subdivisions, shopping centers and parking lots," Gabbie Ehinger, staff ecologist, said. "If it weren't for Redstone being protected as a federal installation, many of these species would not have a natural habitat."

Protecting the species means allowing it to recover. In the case of Price's potato bean, restricting access and monitoring plant growth have provided a successful



PRICE'S POTATO BEAN—Protecting the Price's potato bean plants on Redstone Arsenal has paid off — healthy plants now reach out almost one-half acre from the original discovery area of 100 square feet.

solution. The vine-like plant was discovered growing near an old, out-of-use storage facility. The buildings were removed and access to the area closed, which had two environmental benefits: protecting the plants and protecting the surrounding environment. "People also wanted to come up here and dump trash," Dunn said.

Isolating the Price's potato bean plants has paid off. When the plant was first discovered, it covered about 100 square feet on the side of the road. "Now we've got more than half an acre growing," Dunn

Ehinger noted that tracking the plant's progress can be difficult because it dies in the winter and returns each spring. The plants are also being found at increasingly greater distances from the original discovery area — but that's a good sign. The Natural Resources Division also manages the potato bean habitat by carefully maintaining the amount of other vegetation in the area to ensure that other plants do not overtake or choke out the Price's potato bean plants. The plants are not specially marked, however.

"Unfortunately, if you bring attention

to the fact that something is endangered, it makes people want to possess it that much

more because it is unique," Ehinger said.

A similar situation is found with the Alabama cave shrimp. The caves where the shrimp are located are not disclosed because of fear that curiosity seekers, either seeking the shrimp or exploring the cave, might disturb the habitat.

"People don't mean any harm, but they disturb the natural habitat by moving around it," Dunn said. In the past, natural

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Protected plant sites unlisted to avoid vandalism

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habitats were listed in public records, but these habitat locations are no longer sited on public maps for fear of human curiosity, or worse, vandalism.

The Alabama cave shrimp are also susceptible to ground water contamination, so well monitoring has been added for additional protection. Dunn points out that in the case of the Alabama cave shrimp, outsiders may automatically assume that any ground water contamination would be from the installation, but environmental problems are more widespread than that.

"Much like contamination can spread off an installation, it can also spread into an installation," Dunn said. And that is what leads him to emphasize a "holistic" approach to conservation. "This is not just about the installation, it's about the community — and the planet. Everything we do affects something else," he said.

The holistic approach could also be described as proactive. Dunn cites several partnerships with organizations in the

community that benefit both the installation and surrounding area, including the Flint River Conversation Association, which performs cleanups on local waterways, and the annual Madison County Drinking Water Festival conducted at the University of Alabama in Huntsville.

"We at Redstone were one of the first installations to begin partnering with other federal and state agencies and local environmental groups and interested individuals to help protect and manage endangered species that live off the installation. The more secure the entire population, the better off we are in being able to integrate future mission activities with endangered species management," he said.

Another environmental initiative implemented at Redstone, and at many other Army installations, is the use of native plants in landscaping. "We are finding that a lot of the plants that were formerly used for landscaping and bioengineering are now having major negative impacts to the natural ecosystems both on and off the installation," Dunn said. "So by using more native species in future landscaping projects, we hope to protect natural ecosystems."



Photo by Carucha Meuse

SEARCH AND RESCUE— Natural Resources Division chief Danny Dunn and staff ecologist Gabby Ehinger search for Price's potato bean plants, a threatened species being protected at Redstone Arsenal.





Photo by SSgt. William Davis

Street patrol

Soldiers patrol a street during a raid of a village in Diyala Province, Iraq to discourage enemy activity. The soldiers are assigned to Company B, 2nd Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment, operating as part of the 4th Infantry Division's 2nd Brigade Combat Team.

Military retirees have their day in September

2003 retiree appreciation day showcases available benefits

How do military retirees learn what's available and what they should be doing to get the most from their benefits?

One way is by attending annual Retiree Appreciation Day, Sept. 20 at Bob Jones Auditorium.

Beginning that morning at 7, a continental breakfast will be served and attendees will have the chance to socialize before the formal opening of the event at 8. Announcements, an opening ceremony and a welcoming address by Maj. Gen. Larry Dodgen, post commander, will precede the guest speaker, retired Lt. Gen. John Dubia, co-chairman of the Chief of Staff of the Army Retiree Council.

Offices with services of benefit to retirees will present information so that attendees will know not only what is available to them, but why they should make use of their services. Last year's event saw 1,500 retirees and dependents in attendance. Ernest Weir, co-chairman of the Redstone Retiree Council, said he expects a similar turnout this year.

Lunch is available by reservation. A meal of roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, buttered carrots and green bean casserole with rolls, dessert and a drink will be served in the cafeteria at building 5302 for \$8 per person. No meal tickets will be sold at the door this year, so reservations must be made beforehand. The Huntsville Concert Band will provide music in the courtyard. After lunch, awards will be presented. Mike Gray of the Veterans Administration will close out the formal portion of the day.

A "county fair" of exhibits and services for retirees will be set up in the lobby

of the auditorium.

Attendees should enter through Gates 9 or 10 on the day of the event. Those without a vehicle sticker should bring photo ID for themselves and all passengers, one of which must possess a valid military ID. For more information on Retiree Appreciation Day events, scheduling, lunch reservations or for assistance, call Cynthia Anderson, retirement services officer, at 876-2022.

Retirement complex expands to include non-military seniors

Redstone Village to open in 2004

Redstone Village, Huntsville's newest senior life care community, has announced that it is expanding its reach by becoming available to all age-quali-

'Our top priority is creating a lifestyle that's best for our residents," George Turnmeyer, president of the Redstone Village board of directors, said. "We received numerous requests to make Redstone Village available to non-military seniors, and we determined it would be in the best interest of our future residents to do so."

The widespread interest in Redstone Village has been centered on several key aspects of this new senior living option. As a "life care" community, Redstone Village will provide residents with guaranteed lifetime access to on-site assisted living, skilled nursing and memory-support services without significant additional cost. Residents also will enjoy the Redstone Village Estate Preservation Plan, which assures that 90 percent of their entry fee is refundable to them or their estate.

Its hilltop location off South Memorial Parkway with views of Huntsville and the surrounding mountains is another of Redstone Village's attractive features. Its wide range of amenities and services will include garage parking, maintenance-free living, restaurant-style dining, housekeeping services, a library, fitness center and walking trails.

Scheduled to open in 2004, Redstone Village is a not-for-profit community governed by a board of directors composed of local community leaders. The board has retained Greystone Communities of Irving, Texas, one of the nation's most experienced life care community organizations, to develop and manage the community.

Rumsfeld travels to Central Command, talks troop levels

By JIM GARAMONE

American Forces Press Service

SHANNON, Ireland — The totals of troops providing security in Iraq will go up, but that doesn't necessarily mean they have to be American troops, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said here en route to the Central Command area Sept. 3.

Rumsfeld will make multiple stops in the region and plans to meet with American forces and with civilian and military coalition leaders.

The secretary said the coalition is continuously increasing the number of security forces in Iraq. About 140,000 U.S. servicemembers and 20,000 to 22,000 foreign troops are now in the country. Rumsfeld said the Polish Division has taken over in its area of responsibility in the southern part of the country, continuously increasing the number of its forces.

"There is also in excess of 50,000 to 60,000 Iraqis involved in security details in that country," he said. "This is enormously important. It is their country. They are ultimately going to have to provide the security for that country.

Rather than flooding Iraq with American soldiers, Rumsfeld said, it makes better sense in his mind to strengthen the size of the Iraqi security forces — the police, army, militia, border patrol — as the principal effort. "That is exactly what is taking place," the secretary said.

Rumsfeld noted American military leaders do not believe more American troops are the answer. He said troops from other countries and internal Iraqi personnel are the answer to the security problem. If U.S. military leaders do ask for more American personnel, they will get them, but, he said, no one believes this is needed at the moment.

The secretary said President Bush and Secretary of State Colin Powell have been involved in discussions

with the members of the United Nations about a new mandate. "I suspect that the process will go forward in some way and we'll end up with a model that will be acceptable for everyone," he said.

He said negotiations are at an early stage — "the second or third inning at the moment — and they seem to be going along very well."

He said it is "unlikely" that U.S. servicemembers would be serving under a commander from another country.

The secretary said he wants to speak with American troops in the region to "make sure they understand how

important what they are doing is to the people of Iraq, the region and the world."

His last trip to the region was at the end of April and in May, and he said he believes it is important he get a feeling for the situation on the ground.

The secretary said that as the training of the Iraqi forces progresses and as other foreign formations enter the country, the need for American troops may change. "Depending on the situation, it may go up or it may go down," he said. "Right now, we believe we have the right number.'



Photo by TSgt. Andy Dunaway/USAF

PRESS BRIEFING— Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld makes a point to reporters during his flight to

Win or lose

Top seeds advance in softball tourney

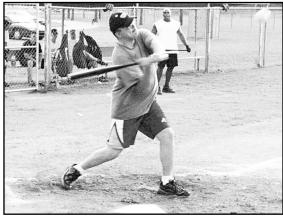


Photo by Skip Var

BASE HIT— AMCOM's Jeremy Bean singles in the second inning of a 12-7 loss to Bravo.

The top two seeds got off to a fast start last week in the postseason softball tournament.

HHC 59th, which won the regular season title, beat Head-quarters & Alpha 20-5 on Sept. 3 in the double-elimination event. Delta Company, the No. 2 seed, blanked MEDDAC 17-0 on Sept. 2.

In other games, Headquarters & Alpha beat the Marines 10-6 on Sept. 2; and Charlie edged 2117th 17-16 the following night. Bravo defeated AMCOM 12-7 on Sept. 4.

The final is scheduled Sept. 15 at 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. (if necessary)

Michigan favored over Notre Dame

Alabama, Auburn should win, too

By SKIP VAUGHN

Rocket editor skip.vaughn@redstone.army.mil

My college football predictions went 50-13 in the first three weeks of the season. Here are Skip's Picks for selected games this week:



Notre Dame at Michigan – Michigan Kentucky at Alabama – Bama Alabama A&M at Grambling — Grambling Arkansas at Texas – Texas Auburn at Vanderbilt – Auburn Florida A&M at Florida - Florida South Carolina at Georgia - Georgia Western Illinois at LSU - LSU Louisiana Monroe at Ole Miss – Ole Miss Mississippi State at Tulane – Mississippi State North Texas at Air Force – Air Force Oregon at Arizona - Oregon Utah State at Arizona State - ASU Rutgers at Army - Rutgers Boston College at Connecticut – **BC** Brigham Young at New Mexico - BYU California at Utah – California Middle Tenn. State at Clemson - Clemson Washington State at Colorado - Colorado East Carolina at Miami – **Miami** Georgia Tech at Florida State – FSU Hawaii at USC - USC Illinois at UCLA - UCLA Iowa at Iowa State - Iowa Louisville at Syracuse – **Syracuse** North Carolina State at Ohio State - Ohio State Penn State at Nebraska – Penn State Fresno State at Oklahoma — Oklahoma

Proper RV storage can prevent mishaps

GARRISON RELEASE

Residents of all Redstone Arsenal housing areas are reminded that post regulation 210-2 restricts RVs, boats and other trailers from being stored for any duration in the housing area streets.

Residents are further reminded of the "24-hour rule" which does allow residents to keep their trailer, boat or RV stored in their driveway for up to 24 hours before and 24 hours after actual use.

"It's basically a safety issue," Maj. Brad Scofield, provost marshal, said. "It is extremely difficult, if not impossible, to see around these trailers or boats, and the large RVs now popular can block over half of the right of way. We're lucky we haven't had any serious mishaps this summer, because we know that improper stor-

age in the streets has been occurring. And we are now going to be ticketing violators"

Free open storage for boats and RVs is offered to all housing area residents in a secured lot off of Mauler Road (just south of the Post Exchange complex). Space can be arranged for unlimited storage there by contacting the Housing Office directly.

Violations of the post regulation concerning these issues can result in ticketing for failure to comply – immediately for any observed street parking, as well as for violators of the 24-hour driveway parking rule. Other administrative actions, particularly for repeat offenders, may include occupants having their trailer, boat or RV storage privileges revoked or chain of command notification.

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Bowling league

The Monday night military mixed bowling league is looking for additional bowlers. All military, active or retired, Reserve or National Guard and their spouses, are eligible to join this fun league. The new season will start Sept. 15 at 6:30 p.m. at Redstone Lanes. For information call Maryellen Myers 464-0583 or Ray Weinberg 885-0089.

Boating safety class

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will conduct Boating Safety Classes through Sept. 25 on Thursday evenings at 6:30 in building 3305, Stillwell Hall, Zeus Drive, room 215. There is a \$22 fee to cover text and materials. This boating safety class will satisfy requirements for the state boating operator's license and can reduce the cost of boat insurance. For more information, call Tom Kunhart 885-7096 or 830-6621.

Recreation volunteers

Volunteers are wanted to assist with and instruct Outdoor Recreation programs like hunting, fishing, shooting, canoeing, archery, boating, camping, hiking and special projects. Those eligible persons interested in volunteering for the 2003-04 year should apply at Outdoor Recreation, building 5132, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday through Saturday. For more information, call Mike 876-0901 or 876-4868.

Hunter orientations

Redstone Arsenal Hunting Orientations, for everyone planning to hunt on post, will be held at 4:30 p.m. Sept.18, Oct. 2, Oct. 16, Nov. 6 and Nov. 20 at the Recreation Center, building 3711. Participants only have to attend one session. For information call Missy 876-4868 or Mike 876-0901.

Volksmarch

The Redstone Arsenal Chapter of the Warrant Officers Association, in conjunction with the MWR Oktoberfest, is holding a Volksmarch, Saturday. The start point will be at the Recreation Center, building 3711. Walkers may begin anytime from 8-11 a.m. Tickets are \$3 per walker at the start point. Adult and children's walking sticks as well as commemorative mugs will be available for purchase. And don't

forget to stay when you are done walking because MWR's Oktoberfest begins at noon.

Japanese swordsmanship

Interested in learned a traditional martial art? If so contact jeshern@comcast.net and www.shinkendo.com.

Bass tournament

The Army Aviation Association of America is sponsoring its semiannual bass tournament Oct. 4, launching from the Easter-Posey recreation area at 6:30 a.m. For more information call Bob Vlasics 881-4144, Tony Giannelli 313-6054 or Tom Geoffroy 313-4444.

Marine Corps 5K

The Marine Corps 5K Mountain Fun Run/Walk is 8 a.m. Sept. 20 on post. Proceeds will support the Marine Corps Ball. Entry fee (includes T-shirt) is \$15 for ages 18 and up, \$8 for ages 10-17 and free for children under 10. To sign up, call Gayle Morrell 876-1691.



Alcoholics anonymous

An Alcoholics Anonymous group meets each Thursday at 11 a.m. in Sparkman Center building 5304, room 4309. For information call 313-1478. The Redstone Arsenal group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets each Wednesday at noon and Friday at 5:15 p.m. in room 11 of Bicentennial Chapel.

Retired eagles

Retired colonels/captains with their spouses and widows of retired colonels and captains are invited for cocktails and dinner Saturday at the Officers and Civilians Club. Reservations are required. These semiannual "gatherings of retired eagles" are strictly social affairs to renew acquaintances and meet other retired O-6's from the Tennessee Valley. For more information or an invitation, call 880-6701

Enlisted spouses

The Enlisted Spouses Club will meet Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Challenger Activity Center. "The theme is '70s night, so dress the part and enjoy some fondue afterward," a prepared release said. "We help the local community with volunteer hours and various donations and scholarships. Membership costs \$15 per year and we're open to all active duty and retired enlisted spouses. Membership extends to GS-8 and below, too. We're looking for people to help out during Oktoberfest. If you can help set up (today), or help in the food tent (Friday or Saturday), please let us know." Call Jennifer Kennedy 895-6782 or 837-3310 for more information.

Protestant children

Protestant "Patch the Pirate" Club for children in kindergarten through fifthgrade meets every Wednesday from 3:30-5 p.m. The first meeting and registration is today in the Assembly Room at the Bicentennial Chapel. Call Chris Fishel 489-0939 or 520-3607 for more information.

Youth ministry

Club Beyond meets every week at 50 Bomford Road. Middle school (grades 6-8) meetings are Sundays from 2:30-4 p.m. and high school meetings are Thursdays at 7:11 p.m. Call Mike Fishel 520-3606 for more information.

Aeronautics group

The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics will have its September dinner meeting Sept. 16 at the Holiday Inn at Research Park (by Madison Square Mall). Social begins at 6:15 p.m., with dinner at 7. Scheduled speaker is Arthur Stephenson, special assistant to the associate administrator for education at NASA. Cost is \$25 per person. For reservations call Joe Sims 544-4650 by noon Friday.

Upbeat volunteers

UPBEAT is a volunteer program open to community-minded single adults age 21 and over. Members participate in planned, onetime group projects that benefit non-profit organizations in Madison County. UPBEAT members can choose from several available projects each month, allowing for a range of interests. It's great for volunteers who must travel or have demanding work schedules. Have fun while making a difference, without a long-term commitment, and on a flexible time schedule. Learn about upcoming **UPBEAT** by visiting projects http://www.volunteerhsv.org/html/upbeat.ht ml, and by attending the monthly meetings, held on the third Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at Fogcutter Restaurant on University Drive. Meetings last about an hour, with a brief social time and short talks on future events, given by representatives of local nonprofit organizations. For more information about UPBEAT, contact the Volunteer Center at www.volunteerhsv.org or by calling 539-

Administrative professionals

The Redstone Arsenal Chapter, International Association of Administrative Professionals invites you to its monthly meeting at 11 a.m. Sept. 16 at the Officers and Civilians Club. A representative from the Redstone Federal Credit Union will provide a presentation on its services. Members and guests will go through the buffet for lunch.

Resource managers

The American Society of Military Comptrollers will hold its monthly meeting Thursday, at 11:30 a.m. at the Trinity Personnel Growth Center on Airport Road. The Blue Velvet Quartet will perform harmonic selections. For tickets — \$9 members, \$10 non-members —call Virginia Moore 955-6262, ext. 165.

Moms at chapel

Moms in Touch meets each Monday from 10-11 a.m. at Bicentennial Chapel, room 13. "Join us to pray for your child's school," a prepared release said.

Federal retirees

National Association of Retired Federal Employees will meet Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Senior Center on Drake Avenue. Scheduled speaker is Madison County Sheriff Blake Dorning. Breakfast will be served at 9 for those who have made reservations by calling 881-3996 or 534-9627 by noon Thursday.

Logistics course



The Tennessee Valley Chapter of the International Society of Logistics is offering a 50-hour Logistics Management course. The course provides a comprehensive review of logistics, preparing interested students for the next CPL exam scheduled Nov. 1. For more information, call Joyce Bilodeau 842-9968.

Thrift shop

The Thrift Shop, building 3209 on Hercules Road, is open for shopping Wednesdays 9-5 and Thursdays and Fridays from 9-4. Walk-in consignment hours are Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9-12:30. Appointments are Wednesdays and Thursdays 12:30-3. The Thrift Shop seeks more volunteers for Thursdays and Fridays. The shop's first craft fair, to become an annual event, is Oct. 4. Signup sheets will be available at the shop. The shop will start taking fall items/clothing today. For more information, call 881-6992.

Johnson High reunion

Johnson High's Class of 1983 will hold its

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20-year reunion Oct. 17-18. For more information, call Sheila Luck (Smith) 536-0341.

Huntsville High reunion

The Huntsville High School Class of 1978 will hold its 25th reunion Sept. 20. "There are still a number of classmates we are seeking," a prepared release said. "Are you one of them or know their whereabouts?" For more information, the reunion web http://www.78hhs.com.

Alabama A&M reunion

Alabama A&M University Class of 1978 will hold a 25th reunion Oct. 4 during homecoming celebration. For more information, call Debra Henderson 830-0579 or Richetta Wilkerson 851-7917.

Children's center

Child and Youth Services is accepting applications for its Child Development Center (ages 6 weeks to 5 years), School Age Services (kindergarten through fifthgrade), middle school and teen (grades 6-12), and Family Child Care (4 weeks to 12 Items needed for registration years). include completion of the registration packet, current shot record and current physical. You may pick up the registration packets at the Challenger Activity Center, building 1500 on Weeden Mountain Road. You may also visit the web site at www.redstonemwr.com and download the CYS forms. Registration cost is \$15 per child or \$35 per family. These programs are open to children of anyone who works on, lives on or can legally access Redstone Arsenal. For more information, call Chris Carter 876-3704 or Pam Berry 955-6309.

Army family team building

You're invited to make the connection with Army Family Team Building, Level I. Learn about military customs and courtesies, the chain of command/chain of concern, family and military expectations, impact of the mission on family life, benefits/entitlements/compensation, and how to support your child's education. The classes are free and open to anyone who supports an Army servicemember (spouse, parent, grandparent, significant other, guardian or friend). Come meet others new to Army life — you'll find out you're not alone and that a basic understanding of Army culture and lifestyle can open so many doors. The learning environment is casual and child care will be provided free of charge. Level I classes will be held Sept. 23-25 from 6-9 p.m. at Army Community Service, building 3338 on Redeye Road. Call 876-5397 by Sept.

12 to enroll.

Still serving specials

The Post Exchange will honor its retired military customers Sept. 19-21. Shop each day for "Still Serving" specials. On Sept. 20 at 2 p.m., register to win a \$200 shopping spree at the PX. The first 300 retirees get a free gift (limit one per family). Play balloon bust from 2-3 p.m. Visit the Service Station for a Tire Sale from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Stop by the One Stop for a wine tasting event from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and a spirits tasting from 1-5 p.m. All day Sept. 20, seniors enjoy free senior drinks at the Redstone Burger King. Register to win a Thomas Kinkade painting at the Furniture Store. Mark your calendars for this event in September.

9/11 tribute

A special one-hour 9/11 commemorative tribute will be held at 9 a.m. Thursday in Bob Jones Auditorium for Team Redstone. The theme for the ceremony is "Americans, United We Stand, A Tribute to Freedom." The tribute is designed as way for Team Redstone members to come together and show their support for the families of victims and for the nation. For more information, call Sam Wright 955-3154 or e-mail september 11@redstone.army.mil.

Bingo pack night

Challenger Bingo will have Special Pack Night on Sept. 19 from 5:45-10 p.m. Come on out for extra games; buy one game pack and get one free, as well as free snacks. Call 837-0750/ 0751 for details.

Community luau

The Redstone Arsenal MWR Community Hawaiian Luau has been rescheduled for Sept. 26 from 4-8 p.m. at the Firehouse, building 115 on Hankins Road. Come on out for a Polynesian night of fun in your favorite Hawaiian outfit, grass skirt, or wild shirt. There will be a Hawaiian buffet, dancers, limbo and contests. Tickets are \$8 for adults (\$6 for NCO Club members) and \$3 for children 7-12; with free admission for children 6 and under. For more information, call Brandie DeRemer 313-1203.

Missouri-Rolla scholarship

The North Alabama MSM-UMR Alumni Section announces its annual section scholarship to prospective students who intend to enroll at the University of Missouri-Rolla. This is an annual \$1,000 renewable scholarship that is contingent on the student maintaining a 2.75 grade point average. Any prospective UMR student desiring to apply for this scholarship who meets the UMR qualifications for admission, can complete the section's scholarship application by contacting the UMR Office of Admissions, 1870 Miner Circle, 106 Parker Hall, Rolla, Mo., 65409, phone 1-800-522-0938 or e-mail admissions@umr.edu.

Veterinary clinic

The Redstone Arsenal Veterinary Treatment Facility will conduct evening clinics Sept. 16 from 4-6 p.m. Authorized patrons will be seen on a walk-in basis for routine vaccinations and heartworm tests only. For more information, call 876-2441.

Oktoberfest

Redstone Arsenal's eighth annual Oktoberfest is a delight for adults and children of all ages. Come on out Sept. 11-14 for German schnitzel, bratwurst, and other cuisine, delicacies, and beverages served by the Soldatenstube German restaurant. Terry Cavanagh and the Alpine Express will be in the 'Fest tent each night with plenty of authentic games, music, and traditional Bavarian dance. Games, carnival rides, a kids area with two bands, military displays, an arts and crafts fair, and parking are included with the gate admission. Oktoberfest 2003 will be held on the Activity Field near the intersection of Patton and Aerobee roads. 'Fest times are Thursday, 5-11 p.m.; Friday, 5 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Saturday, noon to 1 a.m.; and Sunday, 2-6 p.m. Price is Sept. 11 and 14, \$8; and Sept. 12 and 13, \$10. There's no

advance ticket sales - all tickets for purchase at the gate. Look for \$2-off coupons (limit one coupon per person) in The Huntsville Times, Redstone Rocket, and at www.redstonemwr.com. For more information, call 876-5232.

Madison 9/11 ceremony

A Sept. 11 commemoration ceremony will be held 10 a.m. Thursday in the Madison City Council Chambers. The public is invited.

Waiting spouse night

Waiting Spouses will have a ladies night out Sept. 20. Waiting Spouses is a group of women who are geographically separated from their husbands. They get together several times each month to participate in various social and community activities. If your spouse is active duty, including recent activation, and away on an unaccompanied tour, attending training, etc., they'd love to have you join them. Child care is provided. For more information, call Kristi Foster or Army Community Service 876-5397.

Scrapbook classes

Scrapbook classes are being offered every Tuesday from 6-9 p.m. at the Arts and Crafts Center. "We are also adding open scrapbooking crops on Friday afternoons from 1-4," a prepared release said. "These open crops will include a small class on a

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River float trip

The Civilian Welfare Fund Council is sponsoring an Elk River Float Trip, Saturday at 10 a.m. The CWFC group rate is \$17.50 per person and \$5 for children. Bring your food basket for lunch in the picnic area. Elk River canoe rental is located nine miles east of Fayetteville, Tenn., on Highway 64. For reservations call Patricia Cross, CWFC Special Events Committee chairman, 955-9640.

Car wash

Headquarters & Alpha Company is sponsoring a car wash Sept. 19 from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the PX Service Station, building 3240.

Big Spring Jam

The Civilian Welfare Fund Council is selling advance weekend tickets for the Big Spring Jam, Sept. 26-28. The advanced ticket price is \$30. (The regular price is \$35.) Make checks payable to Big Spring Jam. The last day for advance ticket sales is Sept. 24. The CWFC ticket representatives are: building 5302, Jan Pickard 876-2569; building 5303, Charles Urban 955-7662; building 5304, Rosie Douglas 313-0674; building 5307, Randy Bigler 313-6763; building 5308, Pat Cross 955-9640 and Jerrel McCullum 842-8850; building 4488, Donna Johnson 876-9675; building 8700, Lori Martin 842-2155; building 3325, Karen Scott 842-1129; building 5400, Bob Olson 876-4993; SMDC, 106 Wynn Drive, Jack Calvert 955-3612; and JPL, 5000 Bradford Drive, Tom Hart 313-9802.

Charity campaign

Combined Federal Campaign keywork-er/finance chairman training is scheduled 9 a.m. Sept. 16 and Sept. 18 at Bob Jones Auditorium. For more information, call the CFC office 876-9143.

Protestant women

The Protestant Women of the Chapel will begin new fall Bible studies Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to noon at Bicentennial Chapel. Child care is available. For more information, call Tonie Welch 489-5646 or Jennifer Devlin 716-0107.